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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM: OIL EXPORT AUTHORIZATION FOR APRIL.

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1. EXPORTS OF CRUDE OIL AND EQUIVALENT AUTHORIZED BY NATIONAL ENERGY BOAFD (NEB) FOR APRIL TOTAL 1,296,318 BARRELS PER DAY, UP 61,000 B/ D FROM MARCH AUTHORIZATION. OF MARCH TOTAL, 1,018,518 B/ D TO GO TO DISTRICTS I- IV, 277,800 B/ D TO DISTRICT V. TOTAL EXPORTS REQUESTED HAD BEEN 1,336,842 B/ D. ENTIRE CUT WAS MADE IN REQUESTED EXPORTS TO DISTRICTS I- IV VIA INTER-PROVINCIAL PIPE LINE.

2. NEB OFFICIALS LED BY MEMBER JACK STABBACK AND OIL POLICY CHIEF ROLAND PRIDDLE CONSULTING WITH SHIPPERS, ALBERTA, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENTS DURING WESTERN TRIP MARCH 26-30. BOARD WILL EXPLAIN EXPORT PROCEDURES AND INVITE COMMENTS. UPON COMPLETION CONSULTATIONS, BOARD EXPECTED TO DECIDE ON FORM AND TIMING FOR HEARINGS ON OIL RESERVES/ EXPORTABLE SURPLUS AND ON MANNER OF EXPORT ALLOCATION. PRESENT INCLINATION IS TO HOLD HEARINGS IN TWO PHASES, WITH LENGTHY

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EXAMINATION OF RESERVE/ SURPLUS QUESTION IN EARLY FALL TO BE
PRECEDED, IF NECESSARY, BY HEARINGS ON EXPORT ALLOCATION
FORMULA.

3. NEB (NEIL STEWART PRESIDING) COMPLETED TWO- DAY HEARINGS
MARCH 14 ON INTERPROVINCIAL PIPE LINE APPLICATION FOR EXPANSION
OF CAPACITY BY ABOUT 120,000 B/D. HEARING IN LOW KEY, DESPITE
NEGATIVE INTERVENTION BY POLLUTION PROBE, PRIVATE " ENVIRON-
MENTAL" GROUP. WITH JUSTIFICATION PRESENTED BY INTERPROVINCIAL
ON BASIS OF RESTORING PRUDENT 15 PERCENT SPARE CAPACITY (SPARE
NOW IS VIRTUALLY NON- EXISTENT) AND MEETING 1974 GROWTH IN
ONTARIO MARKET, INDUSTRY EXPECTATION IS THAT APPLICATION WILL
RECEIVE EARLY APPROVAL.
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